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1. Our source reported that Abas KUPI, during a conversation with KOLIQI on 4 July 1949, stated that:

A. An American Political Representative has arrived in Rome from Cairo for the express purpose of attempting to realize accord among the Albanian exile political factions.

B. To date, the American has consulted only with Zoghist and Balli Kombetar representatives, despite KUPI's recommendation that he meet with the VERLACI Bloc and DEVA Kosovar Groups.

C. The American apparently does not intend to consult with those two groups.

D. The Zoghist representative submitted a report requested by the American which closely follows realities, but that (according to KUPI) Midhat FRASHERI - on the other hand - built up his own party and depreciated all other groups.

2. According to source, VERLACI is at a complete loss to explain the fact that he (VERLACI) and DEVA are ignored by an American who - on the other hand - contacts British-backed groups. Our field station comments that it is quite likely VERLACI will eventually reach a conclusion as to the joint nature of U.S./British interest in Albanian affairs.

3. At the same meeting, KUPI announced that Julian EMERY, currently in Canada, will arrive in Italy in late July or early August.

4. Although a political adversary of the Bloc, KUPI, nevertheless, is an admirer of KOLIQI, and is under the latter's ascendancy. KUPI will soon spend a week as KOLIQI's guest in Rapallo, and promised at that time to reveal the identity of the mysterious American.

5. Source further advised that on 7 July, KUPI and Selim DAVANI, acting as self-styled emissaries of an American Political Representative, presented themselves to Prince BJONMARKAJ and VERLACI, demanding their immediate adherence to an American-sponsored committee. They stated that Midhat FRASHERI as President, and KUPI as Military Chief would select committee delegates from various parties. They further advised that the Americans desired the exclusion of the Kosovars.

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6. The local leaders were outraged at KUPI's highhandedness and refused to do what to them appears as Zoghist ballist mise en scene for political high pressure on behalf of BIS or even Communist or Titoist principles.

7. If an American actually exists, VERLACI would insist on meeting him, establishing his official credentials or personal good faith before proceeding toward any discussion.

8. Source has requested that our staff officer confirm the actual existence of the American, and has asked for advice in the matter.

9. It is specifically requested that none of the above information be used outside of OPC headquarters without prior clearance with OSO.